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KEY TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Airports: Page Field General Aviation Airport, Southwest Florida International Airport

Highways: I-75, US 41, Business US 41, SR 82, SR 739, SR 884, SR 867, SR 865, SR 45

Passenger Hubs: Southwest Florida International Airport

Rail: Seminole Gulf Railway Line

Waterways: Caloosahatchee River

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DID YOU KNOW... on average, Floridians pay less than 1 cent per mile in state fuel taxes to support transportation improvements in Florida? prosperity, and preserves the quality of our environment and communities.

BENEFITS - Transportation improvements result in tangible benefits.

• **JOBS** – \$1 billion invested in transportation projects supports about 28,000 jobs.

The Mission of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is to provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic

- ECONOMY Over the next five years, planned improvements will grow Florida's Gross State Product (GSP) by an estimated \$11 billion in increased productivity.
- **RETURN ON INVESTMENT (ROI)** Every dollar invested in transportation is estimated to result in a return of nearly \$5 in user and economic benefits to Florida's residents and businesses. This high ROI demonstrates why transportation investment is so vitally important, particularly in challenging economic times.

PERFORMANCE – Highlights of transportation investment accomplishments¹.

- **ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS** Transportation investments are prioritized to strengthen and support our economy. Cargo valued at \$83 billion moves through Florida's seaports, 83 million tons of freight move over our railroads each year, trucks transport 83% of all manufactured tonnage in Florida and the aviation system contributes \$114 billion to the state's economy each year.
- SAFETY Fatality and crash rates are decreasing on Florida's highways protecting our most valuable asset – our people. Safety belt usage has increased to 88% – an all-time high. A new statewide initiative to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists is now underway.
- **PRESERVATION** Maintenance, pavement and bridge conditions are meeting or exceeding performance targets. FDOT met or exceeded its maintenance standard on highways since 1994. Nearly 89% of pavements and 95% of bridges meet standards.
- MOBILITY 95% of trips in Florida arrive on time. Reliability has remained high on freeways in our most populous counties during peak travel times. Growth in transit ridership is providing access to jobs, services, and education. The increase in delay on Florida's key highways has slowed to 2.1%, but growth in travel delay in urban areas is expected to continue to outpace system expansion.

FUNDING – Transportation projects require multi-year funding.

- STATE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND The Trust Fund was created to dedicate all transportation related revenue sources including state fuel taxes, motor vehicle fees, and federal funds for transportation purposes.
- CASH FLOW vs. COMMITMENTS FDOT currently has over \$7 billion of secured funding commitments to transportation contractors and partners while targeting a projected cash balance between \$200 and \$250 million.
- **REVENUE SHORTFALLS** By the end of the decade FDOT expects to lose \$5 billion in gas tax revenue due to more efficient vehicles using less fuel.

¹FDOT provides extensive performance reporting as part of our philosophy of accountability and proactive communication with stakeholders and the public. For detailed information on Transportation Performance in Florida see www.dot.state.fl.us/planning/performance.

